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ELECTRONIC DEVICE PROVIDED WITH THE KEYBOARD



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- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. Relevance of the non-English language reference is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. U.S. Patent No. 5,640,178 corresponds to Japanese Patent No. 8-87375 which is cited in the specification.

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